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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/571,241	Applicant(s) JOSHI ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 65 and 77-88 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 84, 85 and 88 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 65, 77-83 and 86-87 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' arguments, filed December 22, 2009, have been fully considered. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office actions are hereby withdrawn. The following rejections and/or objections are either reiterated or newly applied. They constitute the complete set presently being applied to the instant application.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

Claims 65 and 77-88 are pending.

Response to Election/Restrictions

New claims 85 and 88 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention and specie, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on May 09, 2008.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 65-66, 68-69 and 74-83 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pye et al. (Am J Physiol Heart Circ Physiol, Vol. 284, 7 Nov 2002, pp. 919-926) in view of Joshi et al. (WO 02/055067, US 2004/0054001 was used as the English equivalent). This rejection is maintained and further applied to new claims 86 and 87. Claims 66, 68-69 and 74-76 have been cancelled.

Applicant's Arguments

Applicant argues Joshi asserts that the compounds disclosed therein can be used to treat the diseases disclosed therein and appears to be that there is some suggestion in the art that the NFkB may be involved in those diseases; wherein that is not enough to enable the use for the compounds disclosed for the treatment of diseases. Applicant further argues Pye does not remedy the lack of enablement deficiency of the Joshi reference. The structure of the compound of Pye is not similar to the structure of dimethyl fumarate.

Examiner's Response

In regard to the enablement of Joshi, the reference was used to disclose that fumaric acid derivatives, i.e. dimethyl fumarate have an NFkB inhibiting effect (p. 1, paragraph [0013]) and the reference disclose the pharmaceutical preparation of said derivatives; however the reference was not used for the disclosure of the treatment of any disease. In regard to Pye, the reference was used to disclose that NFkB inhibitors are used to treat patients during myocardial infarction and not the specific compound *per se*; therefore providing the motivation to use the NFkB inhibitor of Joshi as the NFkB inhibitor of Pye.

Furthermore, in KSR v. Teleflex, 82 USPQ2d 1385, 1397 (U.S. 2007), the Supreme Court has held that when there is market pressure to solve a problem and there are a finite number of identified, predictable solutions, a person has good reason

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to pursue known options within his or her technical grasp. Under these conditions, "obviousness to try" such options is permissible. In this instance, a market pressure exists in the medical/pharmaceutical industries to treat myocardial infarction.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to have tried the NFkB inhibitor, of Joshi, i.e. dimethyl fumerate, to treat myocardial infarction, since it has been shown by Pye that NFkB inhibitors have been used to treat myocardial infarction with a reasonable expectation of success.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NANNETTE HOLLOMAN whose telephone number is (571) 270-5231. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 800am-500pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frederick Krass can be reached on 571-272-0580. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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